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Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I want to know why the report of Rao Sahib M. Kunhiraman Nayar is not laid on the table of this House, or at least why his views should not be placed before us."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Confidential reports sent by officers of the Government are not generally laid on the table."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Is there any report at all from this officer ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Yes."

Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB :—" Am I to take it that the report of Mr. Kunhiraman Nayar regarding the conditions in the Andamans is confidential and cannot be shown to us ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur : —" The report contains many other things besides."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Why does it contain so many other things ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am unable to answer it."

Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB :—" Will the Government publish that portion of the report which appertains to the conditions in the Andamans ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I want notice of the question."

Labour.

Recruitment of coolies to Assam from the Presidency.

* 460 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the number of coolies—men, women and children—recruited and sent month by month to the Assam Tea Estates from the beginning of this year from each of the districts of this Presidency ?

A.—A statement [a] is laid on the table.

Appointment of Special Superintendents to inspect the Labour schools.

* 461 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : With reference to answer, dated 7th February 1925, to question No. 205, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Special Superintendents to inspect the Labour schools have already been appointed ; and

(*b*) if not, when they are likely to be appointed ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" With reference to clause (*a*), may I know how many Special Superintendents have been appointed to inspect the Labour schools, and to what community or caste they belong ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" I understand that five Special Superintendents have been appointed for the districts of Chingleput, Godavari, Kistna, Tanjore and South Arcot. I have no information as regards the caste to which they belong."

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on page 850 infra.